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<u>REMARKS/ARGUMENTS</u>

The Examiner pointed out that claims 1, 4-6, and 8 were rejected as being anticipated by Settles, and claims 2-3 and 9-10 were rejected as being unpatentable over Settles in view of Lin. However, as shown in the drawings, the mounting body 11 of the shock absorbing device 10 of the invention comprises a first fitting hole 13, a second fitting hole 15, and a receiving 14 which is larger than the first fitting hole 13 but smaller than the second fitting hole 15 in diameter. Furthermore, a first spring coil 25 is confined in the first fitting hole 13 of the mounting body 11, a second spring coil 26 is confined in the second fitting hole 15 of the mounting body 11, and the shock-absorbing socket 20 is movably confined in the receiving hole 14. Settles doesn't show such fitting holes and receiving hole which are different in diameter size, and Lin also fails to particularly disclose such a structure that a receiving is larger than the first fitting hole but smaller than the second fitting hole in diameter. Therefore, claim 1 and the corresponding specification have been revised by adding the structural characteristic so as to make the present invention patentable over the cited references.

Claim 4 has been added to claim 1, and claims 8, 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Remarks

Please enter the foregoing preliminary amendment prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1-26 are now pending in this application. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment adds no new matter.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants respectfully request approval of the following drawing changes. Figure 3 is being amended to change three labels of "103" to "130" in accordance with the specification. Applicant hereby submits an "Annotated Copy" of Figure 3 showing the requested changes in red permanent ink, and a "Replacement Sheet" incorporating the changes to Figure 3. Applicants note that formal drawings have now been submitted for this application. Replacement sheet 3 that now includes Figure 3 is a formal drawing sheet. No new matter has been added.

Attachments: 1 Replacement Sheet, 1 redline mark-up.

FIG. 3